(d) A number of steps have been taken by the Government to fight cyber crimes. It is a coordinated effort on the part of several agencies in the Ministry of Home Affairs and in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology on an on going basis. The fight against cyber crimes involves Law Enforcement Agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation, Intelligence Bureau, State Police organizations and other specialized organizations such as the National Police Academy and the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) CERT-In has a role in developing appropriate Security Guidelines and other best practices to advise the Systems Administrators of computer systems and networks all over the country to implement them so as to avoid the systems from being attacked by the hackers and other criminals. In the event of systems being attacked, CERT-In helps the victim organizations recover their systems from the computer security incidents so as to make them operational at the earliest Cyber Forensics is an emerging discipline which helps the Law Enforcement organizations collect evidence from the scene of crime. The legal framework for fighting cyber crimes is a part of the Information Technology Act, 2000 Central Bureau of Investigation and other police organizations have set up Cyber Crime Cells with police officers who have been specially trained in cyber forensics and also on IT security matters

Expansion of mobile network

†2414. SHRI MOTILAL VORA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is formulating any scheme for expansion of its mobile network;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon, and

(c) the total amount to be incurred on the expansion of telecommunication in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh and the target set for providing new telephone connections?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is already in the process of expanding the present network capacity of around 6 million on date to around 9 million lines with further expansion plan to raise the countrywide capacity of mobile network to 23 million by December 2005. Accordingly, budget provisions to an extent of Rs 4843 crore has been made for current financial year

(c) Budget provision of Rs 504 55 crores has been made, for the expansion of telecommunication in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during 2004-05, to meet the tentative target of 102900 and 332200 new telephone connections in the respective States

Compassionate appointment

†2415 SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) the names, designation and date of demise of deceased employees in different offices of Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle whose dependants could not be provided with employment on compassionate ground by the Department during the last three years and till the 31st July 2004,

(b) the names and addresses of persons whose cases have been accepted or rejected during the above said period, and

(c) by when those persons would be taken on employment whose cases have been accepted and a final action would be taken in matters of those whose cases have been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) The names, designations and date of demise of deceased employees in different offices of Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle whose dependants could not be provided with employment on compassionate ground by the department during the last three years and till the 31st July 2004 is placed at Statement-I (*See* below)

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